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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

OKAZAKI ET AL.

Examiner

Peter P. Nerbun

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 September 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 7 and 8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 9-11 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 25 September 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 09252003.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

Claims 1-6 are allowed.

Claims 9-11 are objected to for containing a grammatical error. In claim 9, line 3, "the" should be changed to --a-- since there is no antecedent in claims 7, 8, or 9 for "the shuttle shaft".

Claims 9-11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims and also written to correct the grammatical error described in the preceding paragraph.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 7 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tinari et al (U.S.P. 3,650,231). The patent to Tinari et al discloses a sewing machine comprising a cylinder bed (the cylindrical drum 14, Fig. 2 that functions as a bed for supporting the work material) extending in a predetermined direction; a cloth holding frame 18a,18b,18c,46, Fig. 1 for holding a work cloth; a moving member 20,22 supporting the cloth holding frame and moved in the predetermined direction; and a guiding member 50, Fig. 2 provided in the cylinder bed for guiding the moving member so that the moving member is moved in the predetermined direction. The cloth holding frame is pivotally supported on the moving member about the axis defined by the

longitudinal extent of the guiding member 50. Drive motor "D", Fig. 2 provides the force necessary to enable pivotal movement about this axis.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Claim 1 and the claims which depend thereon are allowed since claim 1 specifically requires a cylinder bed extending in a predetermined direction and accommodating a shuttle and a shuttle shaft for driving the shuttle, and a moving member for supporting a cloth holding frame, the moving member being guided by the shuttle shaft.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Peter P. Nerbun whose telephone number is 571-272-4992. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (1st Week) M-Th (2d Week).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John J. Calvert can be reached on 571-272-4983. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

Peter Nerbun
April 29, 2005

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Nerbun". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Peter Nerbun
Primary Examiner